

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for applying a fluid to an underbody of a vehicle, the apparatus comprising:

a handle configured to receive fluid at a first location on the handle and further configured to provide the received
5 fluid to a second location on the handle; and

a base coupled to the second location on the handle, wherein at least a portion of the handle extends toward the base along a first axis, and wherein the base includes:

a torso;

10 at least three wheels coupled to the torso at three locations on the torso, wherein each of the wheels is coupled to the torso in a manner allowing for a respective rotational axis about which the wheel rotates to rotate about a respective
15 additional axis, and wherein each wheel is capable of interfacing a support surface at a tangent location at the bottom of the respective wheel, the respective tangent locations defining a plane;

20 at least two nozzles having external orifices proximate a top of the torso that are directed to emit the fluid, and wherein the two nozzles are spaced apart from another along a second axis that at least includes a component that is perpendicular to the first axis; and

25 at least one internal channel capable of communicating fluid received from the handle to the nozzles.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the torso includes a central axis bar and two end cross-bars coupled to the central axis bar to form substantially an I-shaped component.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the nozzles are spaced apart from one another along the central axis bar.

4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the at least two nozzles include three nozzles.

5. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the at least three wheels include four wheels respectively coupled to four respective ends of the two end cross-bars.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein each of the four wheels is a caster-type wheel.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the handle includes a first portion that extends substantially horizontally away from the torso and a second portion that extends in a direction having a vertical component away from the first

5 portion of the handle.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the handle includes, proximate the first location, a sprayer trigger gun.

9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sprayer trigger gun is detachable.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the handle is detachable from the base.

11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the nozzles are positioned on the torso so that, when the fluid emanates from the nozzles, the fluid impacts a substantially continuous area along an underbody of the vehicle.

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12. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base is configured so that the fluid emanates from the nozzles at approximately 4 inches above a ground surface supporting the base, wherein the nozzles each have an approximately 50 degree spraying angle,
5 and wherein the neighboring ones of the nozzles are spaced apart from one another by approximately 3.75 inches.

13. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the handle is rigidly connected to the base.

14. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the torso has a shape generally similar to that of a triangle, a T, and a rectangle.

15. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the following is true:

coupled to one of the base and the handle is a mirror;
coupled to one of the base and the handle is a light;
5 the base includes means for varying a height of the torso relative to a ground surface supporting the base;
the base is supported upon a water basin; and
one of the base and the handle supports a brush.

16. An apparatus for washing an underbody of a vehicle, the apparatus comprising:

a base;
at least two orifices on the base, the orifices being
5 spaced apart from one another along a side-to-side axis;
at least three freely-swiveling wheels coupled to the base and supporting the base in a non-wobbling manner; and
a handle coupled to the base and extending away from the base along a generally front-to-back axis.

17. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a means for controlling fluid communicated to the orifices.

18. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the base is I-shaped.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least two orifices include three nozzles directed upward, and wherein the handle includes a first horizontal section and a second section extending upward at approximately a 135 degree angle relative to the first horizontal section.

20. A method of cleaning an underbody of a vehicle, the method comprising:

providing an underbody cleaning device having a base stably supported upon at least three freely-swiveling wheels and a handle coupled to the base, wherein the base includes at least two substantially-upwardly-directed orifices positioned at different respective locations along a first axis that is substantially parallel to the ground and substantially perpendicular to a second axis along which a portion of the handle extends away from the base;

coupling the underbody cleaning device to a source of pressurized fluid;

moving the base of the underbody cleaning device under the vehicle so that the base moves in a first direction having a forward component that is substantially perpendicular to the first axis,

wherein due to the wheels being freely-swiveling, the base can also be moved in a second direction generally perpendicular to the first direction.